

**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED:
RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of) Examiner: Stuart Snyder
Zhu et al.) Art Unit: 1648
Serial No. 10/536,955) File Ref: FCCC.02-12US
Filed: October 18, 2005) Confirmation No. 1020
For: "Replication of Hepatitis)
 C Virus in Non-Hepatic)
 Epithelial and Mouse)
 Hepatic Cells")

Petition for Extension Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of TWO (2) month beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the proper fee under 37 CFR §1.17 to the deposit account of the undersigned, Account No. 04-1406.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.116

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated September 4, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: